

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** (20)8E1A39AB-1image 19.png

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1200547.005

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 09 August 2012

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file consists of an image explicitly showing a partially naked young child in a sexual situation. The image is a direct visual record of sexual exploitation and intended for the arousal of persons with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that children may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.